

Remarks

In paragraph 5 of the Action, claims 4, 7-12, 22 and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In paragraph 6 of the Action, claim 20 was allowed.

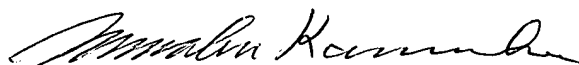
In paragraph 8 of the Action, claims 3, 5, 6, 21 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lakritz.

In view of the rejection and objection, claims 4 and 22 have been canceled, and the subject matter of canceled claims 4 and 22 has been incorporated into claims 3 and 21, respectively. Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 21.

It is therefore believed that the claims pending in the application are allowable over the prior art.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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